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LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you as follows:

In the morning today, Wednesday, 28 August 1991, at precisely 1140 hours (local time), Iraqi regime forces violated Kuwaiti territorial waters by using two armed boats from which a group of armed men disembarked on the Kuwaiti Island of Bubiyan.

The attackers were immediately surrounded by our forces, and 43 elements, wearing civilian clothes, were taken prisoner. Interrogation of the elements taken prisoner is still going on. There are also a number of Iraqi armed men hidden behind screens on the island.

The Iraqi attackers used heavy weapons in their attack on the island and were supported by reinforcements of military boats from the Faw peninsula. Our Air Force came out and guarded the shores by striking at these reinforcements, which resulted in the total destruction of seven boats and the flight of five others.

An event of this kind and magnitude cannot be placed in the category of common recurrent border violations by the Iraqi regime, since it has become clear that it was a premeditated and planned action effected with the support of Iraqi naval forces. The event constitutes a clear confirmation of the nature of the intentions of the Iraqi regime and its aggressive practices, which are aimed at disrupting stability and challenging the will of the United Nations. Accordingly, we request you to take decisive measures to deter the Iraqi regime from such violations and to ensure that they are not repeated in the future.

I should be grateful if you would inform the members of the Security Council immediately of the contents of this letter and have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative